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TAGS: CASC (LIPPINCOT, RICHARD L.)

SUBJ: ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN CITIZEN

REF: DEPARTMENT OM (SCS) OF 7/5/74, MEDELLIN 0185, STATE
137196, CALI 0243

1. RICHARD L. LIPPINCOT STATES IN HIS UNDATED LETTER RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT HE CABLED AMEMBASSY BOGOTA ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 19. THE TELEGRAM ITSELF IS DATE STAMPED BY TELECOM IN BOGOTA 6:44 PM JUNE 20. SINCE JUNE 21 WAS A HOLIDAY IN COLOMBIA, IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE TELEGRAM WAS NOT RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY UNTIL AFTER THE THREE DAY WEEKEND ON JUNE 24.

2. CONSUL ARENZ ADVISED AMCONSULATE MEDELLIN ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 24 OF THE FACT OF LIPPINCOT'S TELEGRAM. AMCONSULATE MEDELLIN IMMEDIATELY CALLED THE LOCAL POLICE AND REQUESTED THEIR ASSISTANCE IN COMMUNICATING WITH BAHIA SOLANO BECAUSE THERE ARE NEITHER TELEPHONE NOR TELEGRAPH LINES TO THE TOWN, AN ISOLATED PORT ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

3. ON JUNE 25, THE POLICE REPORTED TO AMCONSULATE MEDELLIN THAT ALL THE AMERICANS ABOARD THE YACHT AMERICUS AND THE YACHT ITSELF HAD DEPARTED FOR BUENAVENTURA ON JUNE 22. VICE CONSUL TAYLOR CALLED CONSULAR AGENT ROBERT EARLY, WHO WAS IN CALI, TO INQUIRE IF THE YACHT AMERICUS HAD REACHED BUENAVENTURA. THE RESULT WAS THE REFERENCED MEDELLIN 0185.

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4. IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON JUNE 26 WITH ACTING PRINCIPAL

OFFICER WILLIAM COLWELL OF AMCONSULATE CALI, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN TAYLOR AND COLWSHL THAT ANY FURTHER ACTION WOULD BE WITH AMCONSULATE CALI SINCE ALL CONCERNED PARTIES WERE IN BUENAVENTURA. THE REASON FOR THIS CONVERSATION WAS STATE 137196 WHICH WAS SENT ACTION MEDELLIN.

5. AT NO TIME DID MICHAEL EARLY CALL ON AMCONSULATE MEDELLIN AS STATED BY LIPPINCOT IN HIS LETTER.

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